

Re: CD-key

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GreenieLeBrun wrote:

ryanmeyer@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I have a tricky dilemma I'm in.

I have a customer who has (so she claims) a valid copy of Windows XP on her existing machine. However, it will not boot. She has lost the sticker, packaging, etc and thus has no way of retrieving her cdkey. I have a working harddrive, but no matching motherboard to boot it off of. I can't do a repair without her key. I can't get into Windows to get her key without a repair.

This being such, I'm looking for a bootable tool which retrieves CD keys from Windows XP operating systems. I've had no luck experimenting with Knoppix, or ERD commander. I've tried to run key-retrieval tools from ERD, but it only returned information about ERD.

It would be very useful to have this tool in the future as well, as I know this isn't the first time this has happened. (Staff promised customer we could keep her existing copy of XP, realize we can't, customer throws a fit.)

Please help! Anything is appreciated!

Thank you all in advance,

Ryan

Ultimate Boot CD for Windows
<http://www.ubcd4win.com/>

This CD has KeyfinderPE included. Boot her computer from the cd, run KeyfinderPE, browse to her Windows directory and click search

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Excellent advice.

Steve N.

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